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Text of Statement to be made at the Pledging Conference of the United Nations Development Programme by the Canadian Representative, Mr. Gerard Pelletier, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, on Monday, October 9, 1967.

The annual Pledging Conference of this Development Programme is always a major event in the United Nations year. This single occasion presents a good opportunity to stop briefly and reflect on the past year's activities and to look ahead hopefully to the future.

1967 has been a year in which the full benefits of the merger between the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA) components have begun to be felt. This year the Governing Council approved a number of well-considered comprehensive Special Fund project recommendations. More projects reached completion and certain of them attracted follow-up investment--one of the prime objectives of the United Nations Development Programme. Recent figures indicated that over \$1.9 billion has now been committed to investments either directly related to, or consonant with, project recommendations. This is a most gratifying figure which fully attests to the effectiveness of UNDP pre-investment activity. In the technical assistance sector, 1967 saw plans formulated for continuous programming procedures which, when implemented, should result in a more manageable, more efficient programme.

Operationally, then, 1967 was a good year. The biggest disappointment was the failure to meet the current annual target of \$200 million in funds for the UNDP. Let us hope this goal is met this year.

Looking ahead to the forthcoming year, we foresee that to increase the flow of resources to the less-developed regions of the world will be a continuing challenge. We